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REMARKS

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1. In late July and early August, 70 officers and 350 enlisted men at the Schwerin KVP post were discharged allegedly in consequence of a cut of funds.

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2. On 4 August 1953, the former DAF buildings on Hagenower Strasse were scheduled to be turned over to the KVP. Colonel Bleck, allegedly intended to house the billeting and pension office and a number of officers' billets in the buildings.

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3. From 7 to 18 August 1953, the old Grenadier Kaserne at Schwerin was occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 KVPs. Numerous KVPs had arrived at the installation from East Berlin after 8 August 1953, mainly in detachments of up to company size. The soldier said that the KVPs belonged to units previously stationed at the post. The enlisted men in the installation wore black-bordered dark-red, dark-blue, and yellow-bordered black patches. During the time of observation, detachments of platoon size up to a company size daily received training with infantry weapons in the barracks yard. No heavy weapons were seen in the barracks area and on the training ground at Werderholz.

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4. In the morning on 9 August 1953, several trucks loaded with billeting equipment, travelled from the barracks installation to the Schwerin freight station where the equipment was loaded onto cars. No enlisted men were entrained and no weapons were loaded. The destination of the train was unidentified.

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1. Comment. Colonel Martin Bleck is stationed at Schwerin.

2. Comment. These elements were probably assigned security missions in East Berlin after late June or early July.

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